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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ETZLER and ROBERTS

Application No.: 09/657,631

Filed: September 6, 2000

For: LNP, A PROTEIN INVOLVED IN
THE INITIATION OF MYCORRHIZAL
INFECTION IN PLANTS

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Baum, Stuart F.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.